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Reply to:
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MEMORANDUM

Subj: **CHANGE 5 TO MCO P10120.43G; MARINE CORPS UNIFORM REGULATIONS**

Ref: (a) MCO P1020.34G

Encl: (1) Ltr from Safety Division, 5000 SD of 09 Feb 05

1. **Purpose.** To receive CMC decision on the recommendation from the Safety Division (the enclosure) to change the Uniform Regulations to authorize motorcyclists to wear commercial motorcycle protective jackets (with impact resistant shoulder and elbow pads) while riding their motorcycles.

2. **Background.** Paragraph 3024.1 of the reference authorizes Marines to wear a reflective vest, but not a protective jacket.

a. There is no system jacket or approved optional jacket available for these Marines.

b. The only form of protection currently being authorized is for the Marine to roll down his sleeves, regardless of the season. This provides limited protection, and often increases the severity of the injury when the utility coat gets ground into the road-burned flesh.

c. The Safety Division recommends the following changes (in bold) be made to the reference.

"3024. PROTECTIVE MOTORCYCLE CLOTHING

1. A Department of Transportation (DoT)-approved protective helmet (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVAA) number 218), eye protection consisting of impact-resistant goggles or full-face shield

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attached to the helmet; a protective jacket designed for motorcycle safety (may include impact resistant shoulder and elbow pads), and a high-visibility reflective vest are authorized for wear by Marines in uniform while operating or riding as passengers on a motorcycle, MOPED, motor scooter, or similar two- or three-wheeled vehicle. ~~The vest must have two vertical or horizontal retro reflective stripes at least 1 1/2 inches wide front and back such as the Motorcycle Safety Foundation black vest or vests of international orange, lime green, or bright yellow with retro reflective stripes.~~"

2. The safety equipment described will be worn whenever directed by Marine Corps safety regulations. ~~When helmets are worn, chin straps/eye protection will be properly fastened and in place. Reflective vests must not be covered or concealed.~~ Protective riding gear will contain ~~no~~ visible organizational insignia, reference to manufacturer/motorcycle brands, graphics or wording. All gear will be removed immediately upon dismounting the motorcycle.

Minimal

4. Recommendation: Authorize the changes indicated in paragraph 2.c. above.

President, Marine Corps Uniform Board Decision:

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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